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Celebrate Mozart's 256th Birthday!

31 days featuring the most popular composer of all time-beginning Jan. 1

SEATTLE, WA – Dec. 30, 2011 –Did you know Mozart wrote his first opera when only 11 years old and spent almost one third of his life traveling? Learn more about the world's most prolific composer and hear all Mozart's major works during the month of January, when Classical KING FM 98.1, as the now-public radio station, honors one of the most popular composers of all time with 31 days of music.

As an annual tradition, Classical KING FM will play at least one piece by Mozart every hour, 24 hours a day, through Jan. 31st. On-air hosts will feature Mozart "from A to Z," showcasing Mozart's entire catalog of works Jan. 1- 8. In addition, Classical KING FM will focus on Mozart's symphonies the week of Jan. 10-14, from 7 am-7 pm, and will play his concertos the week of Jan. 17-21. Listeners can access the complete schedule a week ahead at www.king.org.

31 Days of Mozart programming includes:

- Jan. 1 – 8: Mozart A to Z – KING FM will play the music of Mozart once an hour, every hour, 24 hours a day.
- Jan. 10 – 14: Mozart Symphony Week – KING FM will play all the Mozart symphonies in order. Each day from 7 am-7 pm hear a Mozart symphony every hour.
- Jan. 15 – 16: Mozart A to Z Weekend – Mozart Concertos
- Jan. 17 – 21: One Mozart concerto every hour, weekdays from 7 am to 7 pm
- Jan. 22 – 23: Mozart A to Z Weekend
- Jan. 24 – 31: Mozart A to Z

Mozart wrote 41 symphonies that are numbered, but a few have come to light over time, for a total of 45. The Paris, Haffner, and Jupiter symphonies are among Mozart's most popular, along with his Symphony #25, used to great effect in the movie *Amadeus* and as concert hall standards.

"We began our 31 Days of Mozart celebration in honor of his 250th birthday, and it's become one of the most popular months of music at Classical KING FM 98.1. Mozart was not only very prolific, his works are true gifts to those who love and enjoy classical music," comments Bryan Lowe, Classical KING FM program director.

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